

Jackie's death, her parents, Anne and Jim Zanfagna made the decision to be open with her cause of death, in hopes of raising awareness of heroin addiction.

After Jacqueline passed away, Anne Marie, an artist who works with oil paints, found she could not paint. When she finally began to paint again, she painted a vibrant, joyful portrait of Jackie which she worked on over the period of a couple of months. Anne felt that the time spent working on her painting of Jacqueline was time spent with her daughter. Anne brought her painting of Jackie to the heroin addiction support group that she and her husband attend every third Sunday of the month in Plaistow, NH. Everyone at the meeting loved her painting and she offered to paint a portrait for another family who also lost their daughter to a heroin overdose.

Anne Marie Zanfagna's portrait art raises awareness of the danger of heroin addiction. As heroin addiction has reached epidemic proportions in America, many families have lost children or loved ones to the addiction. Ultimately, Anne Marie plans to create a traveling art show of portraits of those who have succumbed to heroin addiction which she hopes to bring to the State House in New Hampshire and then across the nation, to the U.S. Capitol.

Long term goals for Angels of Addictions include raising money for a yearly scholarship in Jacqueline Zanfagna's name for an outstanding student who plans to work in addiction recovery and art therapy. Angels of Addictions also plans to support other local addiction resources including a sober house for heroin addictions.

THE MEDICARE BENEFICIARY
ENROLLMENT IMPROVEMENT ACT

HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 17, 2016

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Medicare Beneficiary Enrollment Improvement Act. This bill provides newly-eligible Medicare beneficiaries with clearer, easier-to-understand information in their Welcome to Medicare package. This will help beneficiaries make better informed decisions regarding their options for receiving benefits through the Medicare program.

The decisions that newly-eligible beneficiaries make have consequences that can last a lifetime. For example, individuals who opt out of Part B coverage during their initial enrollment period must pay a lifetime premium penalty of 10 percent for each 12-month period in which they were not enrolled. By reforming the Welcome to Medicare package, this bill makes a small but important improvement that will provide beneficiaries with the information they need to fully understand their options.

IN HONOR OF THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TAIPEI CHINESE CULTURE SUMMER CAMP

HON. PAUL A. GOSAR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 17, 2016

Mr. GOSAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Taipei Chinese Culture Summer Camp on its 20th anniversary.

The Taipei Chinese Culture Summer Camp, held in Phoenix, has been recognized for its outstanding performance time and time again. It was designated as an official Arizona Centennial Event, it has been recognized here in Congress, and it is a recipient of the Phoenix Mayor's Partnership Award.

Phoenix, Arizona and Taipei, Taiwan have enjoyed a Sister Cities Relationship for 37 years. The industrious people of Taipei share many things in common with Arizonans, including a strong work ethic, a peaceful nature, a love of nature and beauty, and amazing architecture.

The camp will take place June 13–17, 2016 and is open to students from all schools. This camp will promote Taiwanese and Chinese Culture, Folk Arts and Sports. In addition, it will educate our youth regarding the importance of cultural awareness and show the many similarities between our two cultures. The camp will also let children learn leadership and teamwork skills while also teaching an understanding of international issues and friendship among our nations. Perhaps most importantly for the children, it will be fun.

We recognize these achievements and encourage them to grow in the future. Again, it is my pleasure to congratulate the Taipei Chinese Summer Camp on its 20th anniversary.

HONORING JOSEPH ROBERT LEE
SIGRIST

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 17, 2016

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Joseph Robert Lee Sigrist. Joe is a man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship through his service in the United States Navy during the Second World War.

Joe enlisted in the Navy in 1943 where he performed vital maintenance on naval ships throughout California, Japan, and the Pacific until he completed his service in 1946. After the war, Joe continued his important work by attending the Colorado School of Mines. He worked as a machinist and tool and die maker before moving to St. Joseph, Missouri to work at Goetz Brewery. However, it could be said that one of his most notable accomplishments is his over 50 year marriage to his wife Phyllis.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Joseph Sigrist for his service to our country—a service that preserved the freedom of his fellow citizens and the future of the United States of America.

COURTNEY GRIFFIN'S STORY

HON. FRANK C. GUINTA

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 17, 2016

Mr. GUINTA. Mr. Speaker, Courtney Griffin was an energetic child who always did well in her classes. Once she reached high school, her parents were amazed at her maturity and work ethic when she got her first job. In order to continue working her job, Courtney's parents allowed her to get a car to drive to and from work. Courtney's job required her to work late hours and she began hanging around the wrong people. She started coming home later and later, her grades fell and pills started going missing in their house. The older she got, the more times money and pills would go missing. Courtney was eventually accepted into the University of Hawaii, but her parents made her stay an extra year at home to prove she would not continue her behavior in college. Courtney began working for her father, handling all inventory duties for his business. She gradually saved up enough money to buy another car and got a boyfriend. But then Courtney's story took a turn for the worst and she began abusing heroin. She began disappearing for long periods of time and began stealing money from her father's company. Her parents tried to find her treatment, but all of the options were too expensive and their insurance company would not cover the bills. So they took Courtney to emergency rooms, hoping to get her admitted and treated. At every hospital she was released within an hour without any form of treatment. The local authorities told them that the only way to get Courtney help was to kick her out and cut her insurance so she could receive homeless benefits. Once her parents cut her off, Courtney moved in with her boyfriend's grandparents. Eventually, her boyfriend was arrested for violating parole and she was all on her own in a strange home with people she did not know. One night, she bought and used a dose of fentanyl that was 80 times stronger than she thought. That night, she drifted away and never woke up. In one day, Courtney's parents lost their child to an addiction that went untreated. Courtney's boyfriend overdosed in the same house, in the same room, in the same bed just a short while later.

TRIBUTE TO ELIZABETH AND
DALE WICHMAN

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 17, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Elizabeth and Dale Wichman of Council Bluffs, Iowa, on the very special occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary. They were married on April 5, 1956, at Fort Lewis, Washington.

Elizabeth and Dale's lifelong commitment to each other and to their children, Michael, Susan, Sandra, and Julie, and their grandchildren and great-grandchildren truly embodies Iowa values. It is because of Iowans like you that I'm proud to represent our great state.